constituted by the Government to review the Regional Engineering Colleges.

(b) Yes, sir.

(c) and (d) As per the recommendations of the High Powered Review Committee Report on Regional Engineering Colleges, Government of India has taken a decision, in principle to upgrade the facilities and infrastructure in all Regional Engineering Colleges by providing them the necessary support.

Promotion of Hindi and Sanskrit

†3589. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for promotion, expansion and propagation of Hindi and Sanskrit languages in the country;

(b) the number of States where difficulties are being faced in giving importance to these languages and in respect of their curriculum as well;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to promote Sanskrit language for the purpose of learning and knowledge; and

(d) if so, whether the National Official Language Committee is considering to take any steps in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) The Government of India has formulated various schemes and programmes for promotion, expansion and propagation of Hindi and Sanskrit languages in the country. The Central Hindi Directorate, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology and Rastriya Sanskrit Sansthan among others implement different schemes to promote Hindi and Sanskrit. In addition, Government also implements several Centrally sponsored schemes. Further details are placed in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)

No difficulties have been reported from any States in the implementation of the above mentioned schemes.

(d) No such Committee has been constituted by the Government.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Schemes/Programmes for Promotion, Expansion and Propagation of Hindi and Sanskrit

HINDI:

(i) *Appointment of Hindi Teachers:* This Ministry implements the scheme of financial assistance for the appointment and training of Hindi teachers in non-Hindi speaking States/UTs. Under the scheme, 100% Central assistance is provided to States/UTs for the appointment and training of Hindi teachers and to establish training colleges for trained Hindi teachers.

(ii) *Central Hindi Directorate:* Implements (i) scheme of teaching Hindi as a second language to the people of non-Hindi speaking States through correspondence (ii) scheme of financial assistance for promotion and development of Hindi to NGOs specially located in non-Hindi speaking States (iii) scheme of preparation of Bilingual, Trilingual and Multilingual dictionaries and Conversational guides. (iv) scheme of organizing workshops and study tours for non-Hindi writers of Non-Hindi speaking States. (v) scheme of free distribution of Hindi books to institutions, Central Schools and libraries located in non-Hindi speaking States. (vi) scheme of awards to Hindi writers of non-Hindi speaking States.(vii) Exhibition of published books of CHD.

(iii) *Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology:* has been engaged in the task of evolving technical terms in Hindi, producing University Level Text Books, definitional Dictionaries and various reference literature.

(iv) *Kendriya Hindi Shikshan Mandal, Agra:* runs the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan with its Head Quarters at Agra and its Centres at Delhi, Hyderabad, Mysore, Guwahati and Shillong. The Sansthan conducts Hindi Shikshan Nishat (M.Ed level) Hindi Shikshan Parangat (B. Ed. level), Hindi Shikshan Praveen, a four-year Hindi Shikshan Diploma and other intensive Hindi teaching orientation courses. The Sansthan also runs courses for the teaching of Hindi to foreigners at Agra under the Scheme of "Propagation of Hindi Abroad". It publishes research-oriented material related to Hindi language and

Literature. Under the scheme, Hindi Sevi Samman Yojana, thirteen Eminent Hindi Scholars are selected every year for their distinguished contribution to Hindi, research and creative literature.

SANSKRIT:

(i) *Development of Sanskrit Education* : Under the Central Plan Scheme of Development of Sanskrit Education, financial assistance is granted to Eminent Sanskrit Pandits in indigent circumstances, scholarships given to students of High/Higher Secondary Schools, assistance provided for the teaching of Sanskrit in Secondary Schools, for the Modernization of Sanskrit Pathshalas and other grants given to State Governments for various schemes for the promotion of Sanskrit. Under the Central Scheme, financial assistance to Deemed Universities/CBSE/NCERT/SCERT etc. is also given to improve the methodology of teaching Sanskrit in schools.

(ii) *Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan:* (an autonomous organisation of the Government) implements various schemes and programmes through its 8 constituent Vidypeethas/Shodh Sansthans and 21 Adarsh Mahvidyalayas. These includes teaching courses, research programmes, publications, correspondence courses and the development of traditional curriculums.

(iii) *Mahrshi Sandipani Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan,* Ujjain, (an autonomous organization under the Ministry of HRD) undertakes various activities including support to traditional vedic institutions and scholars and providing scholarships/fellowships for the promotion of vedic studies and research.

(iv) *Deemed Universities i.e.* Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, New Delhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati impart education at various levels through the medium of Sanskrit and offer facilities for research. In addition, 435 Sanskrit centres in various Universities and colleges are being run by the University Grants Commission.

Grant for Women's Home in Orissa

3590. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: